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great deal of physical work before enlistment, the actual work of marching and that sort of thing would affect his physical condition.

Q. Now take Captain Stephen's file; what do you say with reference to that?—A. Apparently in this case there must have been a cardiac condition preceding enlistment which apparently was well compensated. In other words, the man was able to carry on and able to go overseas, until an attack of dysentery in June, 1915, broke down this compensation. It seems to me that his cardiac trouble was developed by the service. In that case there was no question but that this cardiac condition ante-dated enlistment sixteen years.

Q. What does that indicate to you?—A. That it was of considerable duration—many months.

Q. Do you mean months prior to enlistment or months prior to the date of the board?—A. Months prior to the date of the board.

Q. What is the date of that board?—A. January 7, 1915.

Q. What is the date of enlistment?—A. The date of the enlistment I could not get; I did not look that up. The man reached overseas, and he must have been some months training here before going overseas, and some months in England; his heart must have been well compensated or he would not have been allowed to go overseas.

*By Mr. Power:*

Q. He trained at Salisbury Plain and afterwards went to France?—A. But the attack of dysentery apparently broke down the compensation of his heart.

Q. You speak of compensation, is that an inference you draw from the facts, or does that appear upon the medical sheet?—A. I drew that from the facts of the man's case. There is apparently no reference in the files to the cardiac condition, until this board of June 7, 1915, which states that there was an attack of dysentery and describes the cardiac condition then, and the statement is also made that it dates back sixteen years and that the apex beat is one inch outside the nipple line.

Q. What do you mean by that?—A. An enlargement of the heart which takes time and which can only take place slowly so that it would take many months for the heart to enlarge to reach that size.

Q. What do you mean by many months?—A. Ordinarily one would not say in a case of that character, where there is muscular enlargement, that it would reach that stage inside of at least one year. A heart can dilate and stretch quickly, but the heart whose muscle walls is thick means a matter of slow development.

*By Mr. Nickle:*

Q. Would the extraordinary exertion to which Mr. Cronyn drew your attention with regard to Colonel Labatt have a permanent effect which might produce this heart condition; Mr. Cronyn spoke of Col. Labatt doing two days' work in one?—A. That was in the autumn of 1914, and the Board states there was no sign of heart trouble before June 1915, and no signs of heart trouble before this last attack. It would tend to bring it on, there would be enormous strain upon the muscles of the heart in such a case.

Witness retired.

Committee adjourned.